Poor Economic Conditions of Our Sportsmen of International Standard

328. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of January 10, 1987 'A Gold Medalist now a Hawker';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps, if any, are taken by Government to ensure that those who win laurels for the country in the international and other games are not exposed to poverty to such an extent;

(c) whether particulars of such persons and their families are maintained by the Central and State Governments to ensure a reasonable economic standard to them; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SRHIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Press Report states that an ex-wrestler Shri Malwa and his wife have to supplement the salary which Shri Malwa is drawing from his employer to support their family by selling eatables outside a school in Delhi. The Delhi Administration has indicated that it proposes to give employment to Shri Malwa's wife, a grant of Rs. 20,000/- from Khilaari Kosh and provide free schooling to his children. With a view to providing suitable assistance to eligible sportspersons and their families in indigent circumstances, the Government have established a National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

(c) and (d) While no such particulars are maintained by the Union Government any proposal received for financial assistance to sportspersons is considered under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportpersons. Details as to whether different State Governments maintain such particulars are not available.

Progress in setting up of coach factory at Kapurthala

329. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the setting up of the Coach Factory at Kapurthala;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far on it, item-wise;

(c) by what time the factory is likely to be commissioned; and

(d) what is the number of people given fresh employment there and out of it the number of local people in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The progress on setting up the Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala as on 31.1.87 is:

(i) Physical progress on Factory Structures	23 per cent.
(ii) Financial progress	8.5 per cent

(b) Expenditure incurred upto 31.1.87 is Rs. 25.03 crores. The item-wise details are as follows:—

	(crores)
(i) Land	2·79
(ii) Civil Engineering	18·39
(iii) Mechanical Engg.	1·95
(iv) Electrical Engg.	1·39
(v) Others	0·51
TOTAL	25·03

(c) The factory is likely to be commissioned by March 1988.

(d) 635 people have been given fresh employment so far of which the number of local people (domiciled in Punjab) is 375 or 59 per cent.

Setting up of telecommunications commission

330. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a telecommunications Commission to take major policy decisions in this field in near future;

(b) if so, what will be its functions; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to take a leap forward to get on to front line technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATTIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government has not taken any decision to set up a Telecommunication Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is encouraging self reliance and promotion of indigenous R&D efforts for better technology.

Steps to Control Birth rate

331. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the birth rate in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the target set in this respect for the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) what is the infant mortality rate during 1986;

(d) what are the fresh steps contemplated to bring down the rate of population growth; and

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce incentives and disincentivts for controlling population explosion:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) the estimates of Birth Rate as available from Sample Registration System of Registrar Gentral, India for the lates three years, are given below:—

Year;	Birth Rate (per thousand population)
1983	33.7
1984	33·9
1985	32·7*

*Provisianal.